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TITLE OF INVENTION: A TECHNIQUE FOR ENABLING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A COMMUNICATION DEVICE THAT PERFORMS AN INTERMITTENT RECEPTION AND A COMMUNICATION DEVICE THAT PERFORMS A CONTINUOUS RECEPTION OPERATION

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/576,294	KOBAYASHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	PETER CHAU	2419	

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1. This communication is responsive to 2/24/2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 60-115.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>4/19/2006</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.
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/Ayaz R. Sheikh/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2419

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 60-115 have been examined and are allowed.
2. Examiner accepts and acknowledges the receipt of a new title the applicant has provided on 2/24/2009 and will replace the previously presented title provided on 4/19/2006.
3. Examiner accepts and acknowledges the receipt of a new abstract the applicant has provided on 2/24/2009 and will replace the previously presented abstract provided on 4/19/2006.
4. Examiner accepts and acknowledges the receipt of a new specification the applicant has provided on 2/24/2009 and will replace the previously presented specification provided on 4/19/2006.

Priority

5. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

6. An initialed and dated copy of Applicant's IDS form 1449 submitted on 4/19/2006, is attached to the Office Action. Reasons for not considering "ECHONET Kikakusho Dai 3 Bu Denso Media to Kai Tsushin Software Shiyo Version 2.11" was because the applicant has given only the Japanese version of the file. The document does not have an English translation or English abstract.

Response to Amendment

7. Examiner respectively withdraws the objections of the abstract, title, objection to paragraph [0027], objection to Patent Document 1 and claim objection for claims 78, 108, 112 and 103 because applicant has amended to overcome the objections.
8. Examiner respectively withdraws the 112 rejection for claims 60 and 79.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior arts of record, in combination or single, does not teach, suggest or provide a rationale of a communication device applied to each apparatus forming a network system comprising: transmission processing means for transmitting data; timer means for counting a continuous operation request effective time during which transmitted data is always received; transmission control means for controlling the transmission processing means to transmit data in which is set continuous operation request information causing the timer means in a communication device applied to an intermittent apparatus that receives data intermittently to start counting the continuous operation request effective time, and for starting its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time; reception processing means for receiving data; reception control means for controlling the reception processing means; transmission interface means for accepting transmission destination information specifying whether data is to be transmitted by a broadcast or simplex transmission from an apparatus main body and

for delivering the transmission destination information to the transmission control means; and transmission setting holding means for holding transmission setting information that is enabled or disabled, wherein the reception control means in the communication device applied to the intermittent apparatus starts its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time upon receipt of the data in which is set the continuous operation request information at its own reception processing means, and wherein the transmission control means determines transmission control processing, in which presence or absence of the continuous operation request information and a number of transmissions of data are specified in advance, depending on the transmission destination information, the transmission setting information, and whether the timer means is counting the continuous operation request effective time, and transmits data generated according to the determined transmission control processing to the transmission processing means for claim 60 and a communication device applied to each apparatus forming a network system comprising: transmission processing means for transmitting data; timer means for counting a continuous operation request effective time during which transmitted data is always received; transmission control means for controlling the transmission processing means to transmit a continuous operation request signal causing the timer means in a communication device applied to an intermittent apparatus that receives data intermittently to start counting the continuous operation request effective time, and for starting its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time; reception processing means for receiving data; reception control means for controlling

the reception processing means; transmission interface means for accepting transmission destination information specifying whether transmission data including a message to be transmitted is to be transmitted by a broadcast or simplex transmission from an apparatus main body and for delivering the transmission destination information to the transmission control means; and transmission setting holding means for holding transmission setting information that is enabled or disabled, wherein the reception control means in the communication device applied to the intermittent apparatus starts its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time upon receipt of the continuous operation request signal at its own reception processing means, and wherein the transmission control means determines transmission control processing, in which the continuous operation request signal and a number of transmissions of the transmission data are specified in advance, depending on the transmission destination information, the transmission setting information, and whether the timer means is counting the continuous operation request effective time, and transmits data generated according to the determined transmission control processing to the transmission processing means for claim 79 and a communication method for a network system including a communication device that receives data intermittently, characterized in that: a communication device at a transmission end includes a transmission control step of transmitting data in which is set continuous operation request information causing timer means in a communication device that performs an intermittent reception to start counting a continuous operation request effective time, and starting its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective

time; and the communication device that performs the intermittent reception and performs a continuous reception operation within the continuous operation request effective time includes a reception control step of starting its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time upon receipt of the data in which the continuous operation request information is set, wherein the transmission control step includes: a transmission setting reading step of reading out a state of a transmission setting that is enabled or disabled; a timer starting step of starting the timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time; an appending step of appending the continuous operation request information to transmission data; a broadcast transmission step for an intermittent reception of transmitting the transmission data by a broadcast transmission over a period longer than an intermittent cycle assuming that the transmission data is received at another communication terminal that performs an intermittent reception operation; a broadcast transmission step for a continuous reception of transmitting the transmission data by a broadcast transmission over a period shorter than the intermittent cycle assuming that the transmission data is received at another communication terminal that performs a continuous reception operation; a simplex transmission step for an intermittent reception of transmitting the transmission data by a simplex transmission over a period longer than the intermittent cycle assuming that the transmission data is received at another communication terminal that performs an intermittent reception operation; and a simplex transmission step for a continuous reception of transmitting the transmission data by a simplex transmission over a period shorter than the intermittent cycle assuming that the

transmission data is received at another communication terminal that performs a continuous reception operation for claim 98 and a communication method for a network system including a communication device that receives data intermittently, characterized in that: a communication device at a transmission end includes a transmission control step of transmitting a continuous operation request signal causing timer means in a communication device that performs an intermittent reception to start counting a continuous operation request effective time, and starting its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time; and the communication device that performs the intermittent reception and performs a continuous reception operation within the continuous operation request effective time includes a reception control step of starting its own timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time upon receipt of the continuous operation request signal, wherein the transmission control step includes: a transmission setting reading step of reading out a state of a transmission setting that is enabled or disabled; a timer starting step of starting the timer means to count the continuous operation request effective time; a signal generating step of generating the continuous operation request signal; a broadcast transmission step for an intermittent reception of transmitting the continuous operation request signal by a broadcast transmission over a period longer than an intermittent cycle assuming that the continuous operation request signal is received at a communication device that performs an intermittent reception operation; a broadcast transmission step for a continuous reception of transmitting the continuous operation request signal by a broadcast transmission over a period shorter than the intermittent cycle assuming that

the continuous operation request signal is received at another communication device that performs a continuous reception operation; a simplex transmission step for an intermittent reception of transmitting the continuous operation request signal by a simplex transmission over a period longer than the intermittent cycle assuming that the continuous operation request signal is received at another communication device that performs an intermittent reception operation; and a simplex transmission step for a continuous reception of transmitting the continuous operation request signal by a simplex transmission over a period shorter than the intermittent cycle assuming that the continuous operation request signal is received at another communication device that performs a continuous reception operation for claim 103.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (See form PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PETER CHAU whose telephone number is (571)270-7152. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2419

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